

Tucker On First Ballot

As a result of the election of delegates in Nelson, Craig and Botetourt counties, supporters of Harry St. George Tucker announced Saturday that they have sufficient votes pledged to nominate Tucker on the first ballot when the tenth district democratic convention meets at Staunton, February 14th, to nominate a successor to the late Representative Henry D. Flood. There will be 135 votes in the convention. A majority, or 68, will be necessary to nominate, and Tucker headquarters at Lexington last night claimed that the Lexington candidate already was assured of 74.

The Tuckers are claiming as a minimum 11 votes from Botetourt, 12 from Nelson, five from Craig, five from Cumberland, three from Highland, 13 from Rockbridge, 15 from Augusta and 10 from Staunton, a total of 74.

Delegates were elected Saturday from Bath, Botetourt, Craig, Nelson and Fluvanna. Former State Senator Floyd W. King, of Clifton Forge, who had previously carried Clifton Forge and Buena Vista, carried Fluvanna over Tucker by a vote of 141 to 111.

The delegates from Bath, which will have four votes in the convention, were instructed for Commonwealth's Attorney H. H. Byrd, of Warm Springs. The delegation from Bath is considered anti-Tucker. Botetourt county elected 32 delegates, each with one half vote. Eighteen of them representing nine votes, were instructed for Tucker. Of the remaining 14, three are conceded to Tucker, with the Lexington candidate claiming one or two additional. Nelson with 12 votes and Craig with five were reported solid for Tucker with all delegates instructed.

Probably the most interesting fight was waged in Nelson county, the rival candidates there being Mr. Tucker and Col. Aubrey E. Strode, of Amherst, both of whom were present at Massie's Mill. The Massie's Mill district elected four Tucker delegates, the vote being 135 for Tucker and 103 for Strode. Lovington district elected five Tucker delegates, the vote being 127 to 100 Saturday. Schuyler district, by a vote of 40 to 25, elected two Tucker delegates.

"I am relieved that the fight is over, of course I am gratified with the results in Nelson, Botetourt and Craig," said Mr. Tucker.

Stuart Moore, Tucker manager at Lexington, issued a statement declaring that "returns from the counties selecting delegates to the democratic convention to be held in Staunton, February 14th, make it a foregone conclusion that Harry St. George Tucker will be the choice of that body as the party's candidate for Congress to succeed the late H. D. Flood."

Anti-Tucker politicians contented themselves with pointing out that the three delegates from Highland, five from Cumberland and two of those from Botetourt, who are claimed for Tucker, are not instructed, and so far as they know, have not announced whom they will support.

As the matter now stands, Tucker claims six more than enough votes to nominate on the first ballot and is confident that no future developments can bring about his defeat.

Alleghany county delegates are instructed for Major Richard F. Berne, of Covington, and those from Appomattox are not instructed.

Amherst county elected ten delegates Monday and instructed them for Col. Aubrey Strode and Mr. Tucker as a second choice. Buckingham elected eight delegates to-day and it is expected that the delegation will be divided between Mr. Tucker and Col. Strode.

Senator Byrd has been elected to succeed his uncle, Hon. H. D. Flood, as chairman of the Democratic party of Virginia. In accepting Mr. Byrd has given Virginia Democracy the key note for success and service to the State—Roads, schools and economy.

Buckingham

The death of Wm. P. Ellis which took place at his home at 4 o'clock p. m. of Friday last removes one of the most attractive men I ever knew; Mr. Ellis though a great sufferer was so cheerful, so cordial,

that he won upon strangers and made warm friends of those who knew him. He was buried with Masonic honors in the presence of about 150 people and I heard a man remark that if the weather had not been so inclement the day he was buried that the spacious front yard at his home could scarcely have contained all those who would have been in attendance.

It seems that at the sun shone in some places and it was not shining in other places on "Ground Hog day" so what are we to look for? Six weeks more of winter in one place and an early spring in others. I reported 42 births and only 8 deaths in Registration district No. 140 for the past year and answering the question of the State Registrar as to how this came about I told him that low death rate seemed to indicate that we are in good health and that the unusual number of births went to show that our population is increasing.

The mails are now running on something like schedule time after having been delayed by the big snow storm.

The news of the big disaster which took place in Washington last week spread through the county by phone rapidly even before the papers reached here.

Mr. Perkins Ellis, of Birmingham, Ala., was at his old home to attend the burial of his brother on Saturday last. Dr. James N. Ellis, of Atlanta, Ga., was also in attendance at the burial.

Rev. Charles Martin Barril conducted religious services at the Ellis home before the burial took place.

Mr. W. W. Agos has built him a nice new home and due to a well and the cost was only \$1200.

Mr. P. P. Glover has been out driving since his hand has healed.

I came across the following couplet in "Richard Carville" one of Winston Churchill's novels. "For what is well it is not hope dead and buried, and galling regret for what might have been."

Mr. John Eldridge is at his writing quite sick at his home.

Mr. Willie Baird has also been confined to his home by sickness.

U. S. Victory Bonds went up as high as \$130 for a \$100 bond last week. Liberty Bonds have declined some in the last few days.

In a current number of the "Earnings Worker" we find this story. A man wrote the editor of a paper that he made a crop on some of his land which he cultivated altogether on Sunday and when he gathered the crop in October he found that he made more on this land to the acre than on any other of his land. The Editor's only comment was a note that the Lord doesn't always settle in October meaning that the Lord had yet to settle with this man for making improper use of His holy day.

Co-operative Marketing Cannot Accomplish Everything. So much has been said and written in the last few years about the problem of marketing that many farmers are of the opinion that successful marketing will solve all their problems. There is no doubt that a better marketing system is needed for all farm crops and will add more than any other one thing in solving the farmers' problems, but no marketing system can accomplish everything.

The first step necessary in successful marketing is that the crop to be marketed be economically produced. Farming does not differ from other business in that it is competitive and the price obtained for the product is eventually determined by the average cost of its production. If you can produce for less than the average you make money and if the cost of production is more than the average you lose.

Therefore efficient production counts. Efficient production is usually associated with a diversity of farm crops and high acre yields. This being true farmers should endeavor every year to diversify their crops, planning first to raise such crops as are necessary for food and feed for their families and live stock and then prepare for a tobacco or money crop that they can properly care for.

This year of all years the above policy should be followed and I hope every tobacco grower will give this matter serious thought and prepare to

live at home and curtail his tobacco average this year.

W. H. BYRNE.

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The resolutions adopted by the delegates Thursday follow: "Resolved: That the representative delegates assembled in Lynchburg extend to M. O. Wilson and M. C. Johnson and all their assistants our heartfelt thanks for their untiring energy in organizing the Dark Tobacco Growers and pledge our loyal support to our directors and all officials. We also extend thanks to the chamber of commerce for the use of their rooms."

"Whereas, the Co-operative Tobacco Growers' Association of the seventh district of Virginia are anxious that proper and convenient points be designated in said district for its grading, distributing and other wise handling of tobacco.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the director elected in this district be and he is hereby instructed to use his voice and influence to designate for the convenience of the growers and tobacco grow in said tobacco market in said district which have proper warehouses, re-drying plants and hauling facilities, as points at which tobacco will be graded, distributed and otherwise handled."

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Both men and women of distinction and outstanding leadership will be heard at the Convocation of Christian Citizens in behalf of the limitation of armament which holds its sessions in the Central High School and New Masonic auditoriums, at Washington, D. C., from Sunday, October 8th, through Wednesday, November 2nd, under the direction of the National Reform Association.

The association itself has a staff of internationally known speakers, who will be present and speak at the Convocation. These include its general superintendent, James S. Martin, the originator and successful director of three great World Christian Citizenship Conferences; James S. Mo-Caw, its general field secretary, and known as "America's rapid-fire evangelist"; Sam W. Small, the famous Southern humorist, orator and evangelist; Clinton N. Howard, the "Little Giant" of the American platform; and Edwin C. Dwyer, the recent president of the International Anti-Alcohol Congress.

Other speakers of distinction include a United States senator, a representative, a beloved bishop, famous author, and widely known leaders in the war on war.

Among the women who will be present at the Convocation on the limitation of armament is Mrs. Thomas G. Winter of Minneapolis, Minn., the popular president of the National Federation of Women's Clubs, who will speak on Monday afternoon, October 21st, at the New Masonic auditorium on the subject, "Internal Development Hindered by Militarism." Another woman of charming personality is Mrs. Deborah Knox Livingston of Providence, Rhode Island, superintendent of the Christian Citizenship Department of the National W. C. T. U., who will be heard Monday evening in the Central High School auditorium on the subject, "Applied Christianity in Relation to War."

No Such Dog-Gone Thing! Canadian Paper—in dealing with any firm, heed the Latin motto, "Cave Emem"—"Let the buyer beware."—Boston Transcript.

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(Told in Eight Sketches) BY JOHN RAYMOND

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